



**Public Meeting of the Port Northern Advisory Committee (NAC)  
September 20, 2023 (5:30 to 7:00 pm)  
In-person at Pier 1 and remote via Zoom**

**Meeting Notes**

**NAC Attendees**

Katy Liddell, (Co-Chair), South Beach/Rincon/Mission Bay Neighborhood Association  
Jane Connors (Co-Chair), Ferry Building, Hudson Pacific Partners  
Ted Choi, City Kayak, Pier 40  
Shani Krevsky, Exploratorium  
Bruno Kanter, North Beach Neighbors  
Stewart Morton, San Francisco Heritage  
Carol Parlette, Golden Gateway Commons Resident  
Flicka McGurrin, Pier 23 Café  
Vivian Perez, Metro Events  
Bob Iwersen, Gateway Apartments  
Alec Bash, Alternate for Bob Iwersen  
Diana Taylor, Alternate for Bob Harrer  
Ritika Puri, Watermark Homeowners Association

**NAC Members Absent**

Marc Dragun, Brannan Homeowners Association  
Bob Harrer, Barbary Coast Neighborhood Association  
Mahesh Katwani, Alternate for Ritika Puri  
Stan Hayes, Telegraph Hill Dwellers  
Al Fontes, Alternate for Stan Hayes

**Port Staff**

Patrick Foster, Planning and Environment, NAC Coordinator  
David Beaupre, Planning and Environment, NAC Coordinator  
Sandi Oberle, Real Estate, NAC Coordinator  
Ming Yeung, Planning and Environment  
Kirsten Southey, Communications  
Boris Delepine, Legislative Affairs  
Ricky Tijani, Development

**Presenters**

Nate Cruz, Port of San Francisco  
Dylan Schneider, San Francisco Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH)  
Leo Alfaro, San Francisco Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH)

**Audience**

Dante Serafini, Franciscan Crab House

Bill Dozier, Boudin  
Penny Wells, Bay Area Sea Kayakers  
Suni Petersen, South Beach Yacht Club  
Joel Umanzor, SF Standard  
Wendy M.  
Katharine Pan, BCDC  
Kathy Lo  
Ann Pan  
Alice Rogers, SB/R/MBNA  
Darlene Plumtree, SF Maritime National Park Association  
Marcy Albert  
Greg Chiampou

## **1. Announcements and Introductions (5:30 - 5:45 pm)**

- Next NAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 15, 2023
- Proposed Mitote food park at Piers 30-32
  - Food truck plaza, Thursdays 12-6p with possible arts programming
- Upcoming Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit
  - November 11-17 with security/public access impacts
  - Includes proposed relocation of SkyStar ferris wheel from Golden Gate Park to Fisherman's Wharf
- Roll call for committee members

## **Q&A**

- Katy Liddell – Will security around here be tight? Under federal control? Near us we've had homeless issues and have heard they may do a sweep for the event.
  - Kirsten Southey - This will be communicated by mayor's office in October, we are working with them and the secret service.
- Bill Dozier – Boudin CFO expressing my support for the ferris wheel. This will help vendors nearby. Post pandemic there are several vacant storefronts in the area, this will provide excitement and a destination that will benefit tenants and visitors.
- Flicka McGurrin – what will be done with all of the food vendors along the Embarcadero?
  - Kirsten Southey – Our strategy includes addressing the food vendors with enforcement coordinated across City agencies and SFPD.
  - David Beaupre – The Port has brought additional resources in to address this, we have started active enforcement on Fridays and Saturdays to help control vendors, today there was meeting with police, DPH, ABC, to further develop strategy. Strong focus now on prioritizing enforcement against illegal alcohol and drug sales.
- Joel Umanzor – Any specific permitting hurdles to move SkyStar?
  - David Beaupre – We are working with the planning department and SkyStar engineers to see how it can be relocated. Proposal is for the ferris wheel to go in the triangle parking lot with the goal to get it in for APEC.
- Dante Serafini – As a restaurateur in fishermans wharf, most restaurants are struggling and missing the energy pre-Covid. The ferris wheel will give us an attraction to revive the wharf quickly and help us get back to what we were.

## **2. Approval of Draft Meeting Notes: NAC July 19, 2023 meeting (5:45 - 5:50pm)**

Meeting notes approved by Katy Liddell and Jane Connors.

- 3. Embarcadero Navigation Center:** Presentation on a proposed new Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH) for the existing Navigation Center at Seawall Lot 330. – Dylan Schneider, HSH Manager of Policy and Legislative Affairs (5:50 - 6:35pm)

#### Q&A

- Bob Iwersen – Difference between NAV center and traditional shelter?
  - Dylan Schneider – Yes, NAV center is newer model, low barrier shelter, with partners/pets/possessions allowed. This came out of community input, and includes resources on site that help folks navigate out of homelessness, including housing assessments, case managers, etc.
- Bob Iwersen - Are some people staying the entire year?
  - Dylan Schneider – It varies as people can stay as long as they need to, and we have seen people move to housing after different periods. We enforce a 48 hour rule to check-in as we know the spaces are desirable.
- Greg Ciampo – The City’s most recent count on homeless was 7k+ but beds are only 2k+?
  - Dylan Schneider – the 7k+ number is correct, we have about 3k+ beds (just shelter beds), we have other housing resources on top of that.
- Carol Parlette – Is there a prerequisite for being in SF for a certain amount of time before getting shelter?
  - Dylan Schneider – There is no prerequisite given SF is a sanctuary city and anyone on the street is welcome to our programs. We also have prevention services for people who may be close to homelessness. Our housing assessments take much more into account, i.e. disabilities and duration of time on street. We continue to see our resources are largely going to SF residents and those becoming homeless here.
- Katy Liddell – We know there are more than one to three people in the safety zone. In the east cut they count everyone each day so they have a solid count of how many people are typically there.
  - Dylan Schneider – If someone is inside a tent or building we won’t be able to count them. Point in time counts are difficult for that reason. We are looking at ways to start counting tents, other structures, vehicles, etc.
- Ann and Jerry – We live in Watermark, if NAV center is not extended do we know what would happen to that site? Not suggesting that our opinion is to not extend the NAV center, just curious as we’re new to the neighborhood.
  - David Beaupre – We are in negotiations with a development partner to build permanent housing including affordable units but they probably won’t break ground until 2026. If Port Commission does not approve this extension HSH would take about 6 months to wind down the center and probably go back to surface parking.
  - Dylan Schneider – We would try to assist folks to move to alternative shelter if necessary.
- Katy Liddell – I definitely support the extension. Recommend more accountability and/or oversight for Five Keys because within the safety zone things are very often not cleaned up.
- Jane Connors – Concur with the support. From living and working nearby I can tell this is a valuable prototype for the city and supporting our community.

#### Chat

- Suni Petersen - What number of the 414 served become housed elsewhere and how many went back to the streets?
  - Dylan Schneider – We are working with our data team to break down the exits, will have more information. We are tallying all of that up from the start of the program.
- Flicka McGurrin - Are these occupants from sf bay area or out of state?

- Dylan Schneider – Majority have become homeless in SF, we don't have restrictions on how long someone needs to be a resident, so we don't have that breakdown by program.
- Diana Taylor - The UCSF study of homelessness in SF and CA found that 70% of homeless had lived and/or worked in the City in the past.
- Ann & Jerry - How is a tent not unsheltered? Same for people living in their cars. Who is the “community” in this community agreement?
  - Dylan Schneider – A tent is unsheltered and why we are revising our data collection. “Community” placements are outreach workers in the field engaging with people on the street and connecting them with shelter.
- Suni Petersen - How do you define the difference between protected possessions and garbage/debris?
  - Dylan Schneider – We defer to individuals on what they want to bring to the shelter, outreach workers will work with people to pack differently and consolidate their items.
- Shani Krevsky - I am curious how community members outside of the outreach/safety zone can get HOT team outreach to people who might need similar form of services?
  - Dylan Schneider – Our HOT team services the entire city, the outreach zone is just for prioritization so they may be there more often, but the whole stretch along the Embarcadero gets attention from HOT and outreach teams. 311 has been collecting data, a newer ‘heart’ team is providing assessments for cases that are not in crisis to get appropriate resources to those folks.

**4. Port Economic Update:** Review of the Port’s post-Covid economic condition and budget. – Nate Cruz, Port Chief Financial Officer (6:35 - 7:00pm)

**Q&A**

- Katy Liddell – What is status of the unsolicited development proposal at Fisherman’s Wharf that the Port Commission was considering?
  - David Beaupre – The proposal was at the Commission for an initial hearing to allow us to enter negotiations. We also have an economic strategy through public realm enhancements, special events, partnership with business community, and some early resilience projects.
- Jane Connors – For the restaurants that are still operating are they seeing numbers similar to 2019?
  - Nate Cruz – Yes many are at pre-pandemic levels and some are having record years. The business lunch numbers are down but the increased dinner numbers are at very good levels.
- Jane Connors – Are business tourism expectations based on data from SF travel? Knowing these trends, are you looking at components of office and retail to balance what is being offered for economic recovery in the next 5-10 years?
  - Nate Cruz – We make informed assumptions about the business/leisure/tourism buckets given we don't have the data to discern exactly why people are here. For new development we look at how it fits with existing uses, but also focus on benefits of enhancements to old facilities, including resilience, ADA, lighting, etc. in order to get all the right amenities without making it infeasible.
- Stewart Morton – Has pier 39 given you numbers for their specific area?
  - Nate Cruz – Yes they report to us quarterly I can get those number to the group.
- Stewart Morton – Can you share about Port efforts for EV charging?
  - David Beaupre – We did an RFI, received response from 4 companies, 1 dropped out. Port is now doing assessment of all off street lots, partnering with MTA and putting out a bid for a private operator. We will request that they bring in an EV charging partner, one challenge is getting enough power on the waterfront.